

# American Center English Language Classes

April 18 - July 8, 2005

## CORE CLASS SCHEDULE

COURSES OFFERED:	TIME	DAYS	CLASS SIZE LIMIT	TEACHER
CORE 1	10:30-12PM	MONDAY- FRIDAY	24	MR. TONY HAYES
CORE 1	1-2:30PM	MONDAY- FRIDAY	24	MR. TONY HAYES
CORE 3	10- 11:30AM	MONDAY- FRIDAY	24	MS. GILLIAN GRANT
CORE 3	3-4:30PM	MONDAY- FRIDAY	24	MR. ZACK KLIM
CORE 4- UNTIL MAY 27	1-3PM	MONDAY- FRIDAY	24	MS. ALIX CLARKE
CORE 5- LITERATURE CIRCLES	3:30-5PM	MON, WED., FRI.	22	MS. GILLIAN GRANT
ADULT CORE	5:30- 7:30PM	TUES., THUR.	24	MS. ALIX CLARKE / MR. ZACK KLIM
TOEFL PREP	8-9:30AM	MON, WED., FRI.	60	MR. TONY HAYES

- Core 1 and 3 courses cost 70,000 kyat
- Core 4 and 5, TOEFL and Adult Core cost 50,000 kyat

### NOTE:

- Core classes are multiskills English classes using a communicative approach. Core classes range in level from beginner to high intermediate/ low advanced.
- Placement tests will be given on Monday, March 21 from 8-9:45am, 10:30-12:15, and 4-5:45pm. Sign up for taking the placement tests will be only on Monday March 14, from 8—11am. Please sign up for the placement test only if you want to take a class at the American Center.
- For people who took the placement test in August or December 2004 and were not

accepted into a class: you DO NOT need to take the placement test again. If you are still interested in taking a class in April at the American Center, please call Mr. Kumar on March 14 or 15 and let him know.

- There is no “passing” or “failing” the placement tests. They simply give us an idea of your level. Due to enthusiastic numbers of people who want to take classes here, usually less than 50% of the people who take the placement test get offered places in classes.
- Class Lists will be posted at the gate on Monday April 4 at 2pm and registration

will be Tues and Wed- April 5 and 6 from 8am to noon. Bring one passport size photo, please.

- You must provide proof of your successful completion of 10<sup>th</sup> standard when you register.
- Tuition fees are not refundable.
- We hope to offer more electives for the 12 week term that starts Sept 19. Look for an announcement to be posted about that in July or August at the gate.
- There will be an intensive six week summer term from July 18 to August 26. Look for more information on that in late June or early July.
- All American Center students are eligible to become library members and use our 9,000 book collection for free. For the general public, library memberships cost 500 kyat per year. Registration for new library members is every Saturday from 9am-4pm. Library hours are Tuesday-Saturday 9-4pm. On Thursdays, it is open late until 7pm.
- Everyone is invited to come watch free movies in the big air-conditioned Multi Purpose Room on a big screen. We show different movies each week Tuesday – Friday at 1pm and Saturdays at 9am. Usually we show the news from 12-1pm before the movies.
- The American Center (until 1999 known as U.S.I.S.) desires to help Burmese improve their skills in English. All are welcome.
- No placement test is needed to sign up for the TOEFL prep class.



## American Center Teachers:

**Ms. Alix Clarke** began teaching at the American Center in January 2003. She is from Seattle, Washington but has lived most of her life outside of the United States. In addition to two TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) certifications, she has a master's degree in Human Development from Pacific Oaks College in Pasadena, California (Seattle Branch), and a bachelor's degree in Philosophy from Kath. University in Leuven, Belgium. She has lived and worked in Brunssum, Holland; Munich, Germany; Brussels, Belgium; Curacao, Netherlands Antilles; Jakarta, Indonesia; and Santo Domingo, the Dominican Republic.

**Mr. Tony Hayes** hails from San Jose, California and has been teaching English language courses in Myanmar since July 2002. Tony is a 30-year veteran of the United States Air Force; he retired in 1991. Since his retirement from the USAF, he has worked as a quality engineer, management consultant, business analyst and coach, corporate trainer and communications specialist in various organizations including NASA, Raytheon, and Intel Corporation. Tony holds a B.S. in Organizational Behavior (a.k.a. Industrial Psychology) from the University of San Francisco, an A.A.S. degree in Telecommunications Operations, and is a Price-Waterhouse-Coopers, LLP certified quality management facilitator.

**Mr. Zack Klim** joined the American Center in January of 2005. He is a New York native, but has called many parts of the world home. He received his Masters in TESOL from Columbia University and studied English Literature and Spanish as an undergraduate at the University of Buffalo. In the past, he has worked as an educator in a variety of settings. He taught elementary students in Spain, Teachers in Bangladesh, and high school and university students in New York.

**Ms. Gillian Grant** has been teaching here since September 2002. Previously she taught English at a university in Istanbul, Turkey and before that at a Bronx high school while earning her master's degree in teaching English from Teachers College, Columbia University in NYC. Ms. Grant is from Dallas, Texas and graduated from Texas A&M University with a degree in Curriculum and Instruction. After graduation Ms. Grant joined the Peace Corps and worked in Haiti and the Central African Republic for four years doing international development work. She is currently the Director of Courses at the American Center.



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